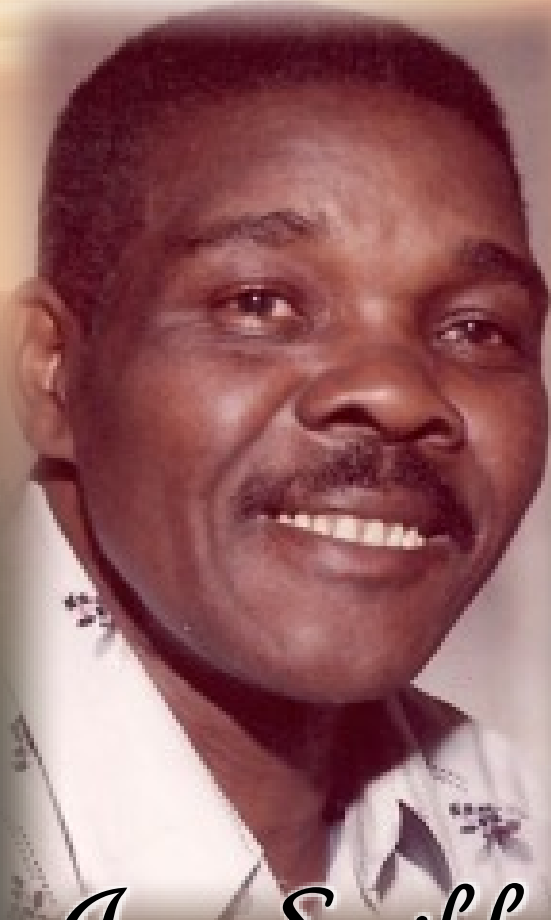


In Loving Memory of



Ira Smikle

Sunrise

December 5, 1923

Sunset

February 8, 2012

Service

Friday, February 17, 2012 - 11:00 a.m.

CARNIE P. BRAGG FUNERAL HOME

256 Rosa Parks Blvd.

Paterson, New Jersey

Rev. Edna Simpson, Officiating

Entombment

Laurel Grove Cemetery • Totowa, New Jersey

Reflections of Life

Ira Smikle was born in Manchester, Jamaica to James Smikle and Cecilia Bradford Smikle.

As a child he attended "Mile Gully Elementary School," then later pursued an agricultural occupation as a farm equipment operator. His area of expertise was tilling land to aid the growth of crops. Ira's hard work as a farmer was never undermined. He played an important role in his community. While a farmer, he was heavily involved in commodity; supply and demand of vegetative food.

My grandfather's ability to serve and cater was viewed as a palatable characteristic to many, but an attraction to one. In 1951 he married Lucille Williams, his life partner. As a couple they succeeded in all business ventures. To pursue a better life for themselves and their four children, he and his wife went on a voyage to America and decided to migrate.

In 1968 Ira and his family found a new home in Paterson, NJ. He gained in town employment at the Morris Paper Board Company and remained until retiring. After working numerous years to be the main contributor of his family, Ira finally relaxed and enjoyed his retirement.

Ira "Pops" Smikle exemplified a life of humility, sacrificing himself to be a servient provider within his household and possessed the character of generosity to all close to him. He stood erect by bending for the impecunious needs of his family and risen by lifting others.

He is survived by two sisters, three children, Lorraine, Dean and Donna; nine grandchildren, nine great - grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Please join me in a reflection of who Ira was. Many of us remember "Pops" as being a compassionate man, an entertainer who mastered culinary arts and home-style cuisine, a comedian and an enthusiastic personality. He enjoyed alone time, great conversation, and had a passion for political debate.

He lived a full life complete with laughter and sorrow. As we gather today, although we miss his physical presence in our lives; let's not just grieve, but also celebrate as he goes on to rejoin his wife, Lucille and son Virrel. As we talk and visit, let us share our memories, as his Spirit continues to live in all of us.

Order of Service

Processional

Scripture Verse - Corinthians 15:58

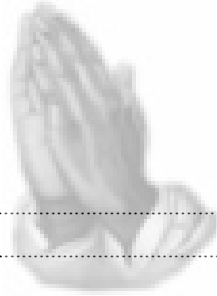
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